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SUBJECT: IEA: AD HOC GROUP ON ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT
(NOTE BY SECRETARIAT ON REVIEW PROCEDURES)

BEGIN TEXT:

THE SECRETARIAT HAS CONSIDERED WHAT PROCEDURES
WOULD BE MOST SUITABLE FOR THE EXAMINATION OF COUNTRY
PROGRAMS.

DETAILS OF THE SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT OF
QUESTIONNAIRES AND REPORTING FORMAT MUST AWAIT FINAL
AGREEMENT ON THE CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL REVIEWS (SEE
ANNEX 1 TO SLT/M(75)6). MEANWHILE, IT WOULD BE VALUABLE
IF THE AD HOC GROUP COULD REACH AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURAL
QUESTIONS.

A DRAFT RECOMMENDATION TO THE SLT IS ATTACHED AS
ANNEX 1, FOR DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING OF THE AD HOC
GROUP ON 21 - 23 APRIL.

THE SECTION OF THE RECOMMENDATION COVERING THE
CO-ORDINATION OF THE CONSERVATION AND ACCELERATED
DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE SUB-GROUP ON CONSERVATION PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

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ANNEX 1

RECOMMENDATION ON REVIEW PROCEDURES

THE AD HOC GROUP RECOMMENDS THE ADOPTION BY THE SLT OF THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNING BOARD DECISION ON THE REVIEW OF NATIONAL PLANS TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE SOURCES:-

(I) REVIEWS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BY THE AD HOC GROUP IN PLENARY SESSION. REPORTS ON INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY PROGRAMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SLT FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THEIR SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNING BOARD.

(II) QUESTIONNAIRES BASED ON THE FINALLY AGREED CRITERIA AND A PROPOSED REPORTING FORMAT SHOULD BE SENT OUT BY THE SECRETARIAT TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE REVIEW.

(III) COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO OTHER DELEGATIONS AND THE SECRETARIAT FOUR WEEKS BEFORE THE REVIEW.

(IV) DELEGATIONS SHOULD AT THEIR DISCRETION CIRCULATE TO OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES AND TO THE SECRETARIAT WRITTEN QUESTIONS ON COUNTRY RETURNS TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE REVIEW. DISCUSSION WOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO THESE QUESTIONS BUT THEY WOULD FACILITATE CONSIDERATION IN DEPTH ON POINTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO OTHER IEA PARTNERS ARISING FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY PROGRAMS.

(V) THE REVIEWS SHOULD BE SPACED OVER A PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS, WITH TWO MEETINGS OF THREE DAYS AND THREE COUNTRIES BEING EXAMINED PER DAY.

INITIAL REVIEW

THE AD HOC GROUP RECOMMENDS THAT A START SHOULD BE MADE ON THE REVIEW PROCESS IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR, BY HOLDING AN INITIAL REVIEW. IN MAKING THIS RECOMMENDATION, THE GROUP IS CONSCIOUS THAT PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WILL ONLY HAVE BEEN PARTY TO THE IEP

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AGREEMENT FOR SOME TEN MONTHS, AND THAT, TO THAT EXTENT, THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES THEY HAVE UNDERTAKEN CANNOT BE JUDGED IN RELATION TO ANY AGREED PROGRAM. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS FELT THAT CONSIDERATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT UNDERTAKEN IN THE PERIOD BEGINNING 1974 TO JUNE 1975 COULD EXPOSE COUNTRIES TO SOME USEFUL CRITICISM. FURTHERMORE, COUNTRIES SHOULD CERTAINLY BE READY BY OCTOBER/NOVEMBER TO DECLARE IN SOME DETAIL THEIR INTENTIONS AS REGARDS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES. FINALLY, THE CRITERIA WHICH HAVE BEEN ELABORATED ARE REGARDED AT THIS STAGE AS BEING ONLY PROVISIONAL, AND A TRIAL USE OF THEM WOULD BE USEFUL. CO-ORDINATION WITH CONSERVATION REVIEW

THE SLT (SEE SLT(75)31) HAS ALREADY ACKNOWLEDGED THE CLOSE LINKS BETWEEN THE PROGRAMS AND HAS AGREED THAT IT SHOULD CONSIDER THE PROGRAMS TOGETHER ONCE A YEAR. A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS REINFORCE THE DESIRABILITY OF REVIEWS BEING CO-ORDINATED AT JOINT AD HOC GROUP LEVEL.

(A) THE INTEGRATED NATURE OF THE OVERALL IEA
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LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

(B) THE FUNDAMENTAL INTERRELATIONSHIP OF THE IMPACT OF THE CONSERVATION AND ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS ON THE CRUCIAL OBJECTIVE OF THE IEA I.E. REDUCED DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL.

(C) THE NEED FOR BALANCED ATTENTION TO RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE PARITY OF MORAL SUASION AND SYMMETRY OF JUDGMENT ON THE OVERALL EFFORTS OF EACH MEMBER COUNTRY.

THE SECRETARIAT WOULD PREPARE COMMON STATISTICAL INFORMATION TO ASSIST THE JOINT EXERCISE.

THE AD HOC GROUP THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT

FOLLOWING THE INITIAL REVIEW OF OCTOBER/NOVEMBER THIS
YEAR, THE FULL REVIEW SHOULD BE ENVISAGED FOR APRIL/MAY
1976 TO COINCIDE WITH THE ANNUAL REVIEW ON CONSERVATION.
THIS WOULD INVOLVE A MODIFICATION OF THE REVIEW SCHEDULE
OUTLINED ABOVE TO THREE MEETINGS, SPREAD OVER 2/3 MONTHS,
OF THREE DAYS EACH WITH TWO COUNTRIES BEING EXAMINED PER
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